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WASHINGTON—Reflecting the recent upheaval in the Middle East and North Africa, the

U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom's

2011 annual report was released Thursday, with Egypt joining the short list of countries deemed to be the world's worst violators of religious freedom.

“The Egyptian government engaged in and tolerated religious freedom violations before and after President Hosni Mubarak stepped down on February 11, 2011,” the report reads.